

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Community and Town Promotion Committee held in the Malting Hall, Malmesbury Town Hall on Thursday 6th August, commencing at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Mrs S Poole Cllr ACR Woodcock Cllr S Cox
 Cllr G Grant

Also present: 2 members of the public (members of Malmesbury Town Team)

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Doody, Sanderson and Jones.

2. Public Question Time.

None

3. Declarations of Interest.

None

4. To approve Minutes of previous meeting (9th July 2015)

Minutes approved.

5. To consider Income & Expenditure report.

The Committee requested a more detailed breakdown of items within each costing centre to identify over/under spending, Clerk to speak to Deputy Town Clerk regarding the matter.

6. To receive a report from the TIC.

It was noted that visitor numbers are down slightly on last year and that this could be attributed to bad weather over the WOMAD weekend.

7. To receive an update from MTC's representative on the Town Team.

- Cllr Grant reported that the launch of the Malmesbury Artisan & Farmers' Market was a success and positive feedback had come from members of the public and the stall holders. Cllr Poole expressed a vote of thanks to the Town Team for their work in initiating the Market.
- Cllr Grant stated that the Town Team are producing a Town Guide and asked if Malmesbury Town Council might consider the possibility of sponsorship towards future editions, the Community & Town Promotion Committee considered it to be an option.
- It was agreed by all that the progressive partnership between MTC and the Town team is working very well.

8. To receive a report on Youth fair.

Cllr Poole circulated a report to invite the Committee to agree to stage a Youth fair in the Town Hall and to agree a budget of up to £200 for the event. It was **resolved** that the committee accept the proposal.

9. To form a working party for WW1 commemorative afternoon tea.

The working party will comprise Cllrs Doody, Woodcock & Poole. The Athelstan Players have been approached to provide entertainment for the day.

10. To receive an update on Litter Picking days.

The Clerk circulated a document from Wiltshire Council outlining the considerations necessary to organise a Litter Picking Day and notified the Committee that the equipment has been booked for the dates set at a previous meeting. Cllr Grant will contact Matt Perrott directly to organise a meeting. Cllrs Poole and Cox will also assist with leadership of the event.

11. Update on Calendar production 2016

Following considerable discussion it was regrettably **agreed** by all that the Calendar for 2016 would not be produced having sustained a loss in the last two years that it had been produced.

12. Verbal report on participation at WOMAD.

Cllr Poole stated that as a result of the bad weather at WOMAD and very windy conditions on the Sunday night, the tent used by MTC at the event was badly damaged. Payment for the damage had to come from the C&TP communications fund because the tent doesn't belong to MTC therefore an insurance claim can't be made. Cllr Poole expressed thanks to all councillors who helped at the stall during the event.

13. To determine budget allocation to Malmesbury in Bloom Presentation Evening.

Cllr Poole expressed thanks to Lisa Gore with her invaluable contribution to the judging of the Gardens Competition and the individual attention given to entrants. Cllr Poole proposed that the event be held on the 25th September with a budget of £200 allocated to the event, all **agreed**. The committee requested that it be noted that the floral displays in town look remarkable and thanks must go to Shaun & Graham for their meticulous care of the flowers.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm